

STATE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, THE FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

FIRST SESSION

Held at Yosemite National Park, Monday evening, May 15, 1922, at 8 o'clock

Roll-call—Seventy-three (73) delegates were seated, and the president, John H. Graves, declared a quorum present.

Report of the President—The report of the president having been presented to the General Sessions was considered presented to this body. (For the full text of this report, see the June number of the Journal.)

Appointment of the Reference Committee—The president appointed the following Reference Committee: James H. Parkinson, Sacramento, chairman; Howard Morrow, San Francisco; Charles D. Lockwood, Pasadena, and Hartley F. Peart, General Counsel of the Society, ex-officio.

Report of the Council—The president announced that the chairman of the Council, Dr. Kenyon, was ill, and called upon Dr. Bine to make the report of the Council:

Because of the absence of Dr. Kenyon, I was asked but a few minutes ago, to address this meeting. One of the things that I would particularly like to emphasize is the sorrow of the Council in not having Dr. Kenyon with us tonight. It is more than twenty years ago that Dr. Kenyon first became a member of the Council of the State Society. In all that time he has never failed to attend one of its meetings, and this House of Delegates, I feel, should pass a resolution commending the work of Dr. Kenyon.

The work of the Council has been so voluminous that it is impossible for me, on short notice, to give you a proper presentation of its activities. A good deal of its time during the past year has been devoted to the problem of industrial accident work. One of its committees, in particular, has made a special study of this subject and its report was presented at the general meeting this morning.

The legal problems of the Society have required many hours of consideration. You will pardon me if I dwell upon this work, but I feel that, in spite of all that Mr. Peart has done to bring this matter before the County Societies and their members, a large majority of the members do not appreciate the situation. The Council is familiar with every case that comes before the legal department. It stands back of Mr. Peart and the Society's members at all times. No one can tell when his hour of worry, trial and tribulations may come. Some medical men and specialists feel that it is only the surgeons who may get sued, but the files of the legal department indicate otherwise. Many a physician believes that he is immune; suddenly a summons appears and then the individual wakes up to realize that he is absolutely unfamiliar with the work of the legal department, his rights and his duties; and occasionally by his actions complicates the matter of his defense.

The cost of the legal department is a matter of considerable importance. We pay much less for our medical defense than do individuals who carry insurance in the old-line companies. One of the companies has increased its premiums to \$75 a year. During 1921 the medical defense cost our Society about \$17,500, or about \$5 per member. In order to meet this expense we shall be obliged to raise our dues though a majority of the members of the Council feel the increase should be greater than the two dollars proposed.

One rather important step was taken last year when a large and successful meeting of the presidents and secretaries of the county societies was held in San Francisco with the Council and officers of the State Society. Very much good was accomplished by this meeting.

There is another piece of work to which the Council wishes to call your attention. For many years the Council has been hoping to get access to the columns of the lay press in order to educate the public along medical lines. Finally an opportunity came when one of the San Francisco papers agreed to publish a series of articles. This matter was referred to the League for the Conservation of Public Health, and articles that have been published have attracted widespread attention. In fact, one of the Los Angeles papers is now conducting a similar column, and several other newspapers in this State have been trying to follow suit. The

matter, however, is not a simple one and, without the backing of the League for the Conservation of Public Health and the Society, they cannot succeed. The Council feels that these health columns are a very valuable means for reaching the public.

Report of the Committee on Scientific Program—The secretary, as chairman ex-officio of the Committee on Scientific Program, submitted the following report:

The activities of the Committee on Scientific Program are shown in the complete program of the meeting which was published in the May number of the California State Journal of Medicine.

The Program Committee wishes to call the attention of all members to a ruling of the Council by which the officers of the various sections are responsible for the scientific programs of their sections. The committee of the State Society on scientific program by the same ruling fixes the number, time and place of the meetings of the various sections, and uses its good offices to promote harmony and co-ordination between the activities of the various sections.

Report of the Auditing Committee—The report of the auditing committee and the firm of certified public accountants, who officially audit the accounts of the Society once a year, having been previously passed upon and approved by the Council of the State Society, was submitted to the House of Delegates and accepted by that body.

Report of the Committee on Expert Medical Testimony—The committee submitted no report.

Report of Committee on Local and State Expenditures for Medical and Sanitary Measures—The committee submitted no report, and was ordered continued.

Report of Committee on Codification of Constitution and By-Laws of the Medical Society of the State of California—The committee, consisting of the attorney and secretary of the State Society submitted a proposed codification of the constitution and by-laws, which was referred to the reference committee without reading, inasmuch as the constitution provides that these amendments must be published twice during the year in the Journal of the Society.

Report of the Committee on Industrial Accident Insurance—The report was presented at the General Sessions by the chairman, James H. Parkinson, and is considered presented to this body. For complete text of this report, see minutes of second session.

Additional comment made by Dr. Parkinson as chairman is also published in this issue of the Journal on page 222.

Report of the Secretary-Editor—W. E. Musgrave, secretary-editor, submitted the following report:

President Graves in his address this morning and Dr. Bine in the report of the Council have covered the major activities of the Society. There are a few things I would like to have you think about: California is very fortunate in having three good medical schools. This, with the other advantages in medical matters, ought to make us a great medical center. We are not availing ourselves fully of the opportunities thus offered. What are we going to do about it?

Our Society is over fifty years old. We still have only approximately 50 per cent of the eligible physicians of the state in our membership. There are about 6900 licensed physicians in California and there are about 3500 of them members of this Society. What are we going to do about that? What can we hope to do when some commercial enterprise not interested in quality of professional work says: "I don't care a d— about the State Society; I can get all the doctors I want from among those duly licensed but not members of your Society to accept my proposition." When our membership includes at least 90 per cent of the eligible physicians, and all members act in accordance with the wishes of the majority, we can do many things worth while for both the public and the profession. Eligible physicians who are not members ought to be made to realize that others are carrying the burden and cost of service for all.

These things are commended to your serious consideration, and at the same time you are invited to review the consequences of failure to improve our organization in numbers and team-work among the members.

Report of the Legal Department—The report of the Legal Department was presented by general attorney, Hartley F. Peart, at the general sessions, and is considered presented to this body and will

be referred to the reference committee. (The report will be published in an early number of the Journal.)

Unfinished Business—There was no unfinished business to come before the meeting.

New Business—In accordance with the rules of the Society, the following resolutions were presented and referred to the Reference Committee:

Resolution No. 1. Rate Cutting in Industrial Accident Insurance Work—Presented by the Section on Industrial Medicine and Surgery, through the Council. For text of resolution and final action by the House of Delegates see minutes of the Second Session.

Resolution No. 2. California Association of Radiographers—Presented by Dr. Sol Hyman. For text of resolution and final action by the House of Delegates see minutes of the Second Session.

Resolution No. 3. Uniformity in Medical Fees—Presented by E. F. Reamer, delegate from Stanislaus County Medical Society. For text of resolution and final action by the House of Delegates see minutes of the Second Session.

Resolution No. 4. Director of State Institutions—Presented by San Joaquin County Medical Society. For text of resolution and final action by the House of Delegates see minutes of the Second Session.

Resolution No. 5. Exceptions to State License Requirements—Presented by Council of the State Society. For text of resolution and final action see minutes of Second Session.

Resolution No. 6. Instruction of Delegates to A. M. A.—Presented by the Council. For text of resolution and final action see minutes of Second Session.

Resolution No. 7. A. M. A. Meeting for 1923—Presented by the Council. For text of resolution and final action see minutes of Second Session.

Resolution No. 8. Better Health Service—Presented by the Council. For text of resolution and final action see minutes of Second Session.

Resolution No. 9. Health Centers—Presented by the Council. For text of resolution and final action see minutes of Second Session.

Resolution No. 10. Extension of Better Health Service—Presented by the Council. For text of resolution and final action see minutes of Second Session.

Resolution No. 11. Annual Dues—Presented by the Council. For text of resolution and final action see minutes of Second Session.

Resolution No. 12. Provision for Segregating Expenses and Method of Providing Medical Defense—Presented by the Council. For text of resolution and final action see minutes of Second Session.

Resolution No. 13. Indemnity Defense Fund Assessment—Presented by the Council. For text of resolution and final action see minutes of Second Session.

Adjournment—There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to meet Wednesday evening, May 17, 1922, at the same time and place.

SECOND SESSION

Wednesday Evening, May 17, 1922

The roll being called, seventy (70) delegates were found to be present, and the president, John H. Graves, declared a quorum present.

Place of Meeting, 1923—The secretary announced that by unanimous action of the Council, the invitation of the San Francisco Convention and Tourist League has been accepted, to hold the 1923 meeting in San Francisco in the Civic Auditorium.

Election of Officers

President-Elect—T. C. Edwards of Salinas, Monterey County, was nominated for President-Elect by Saxton T. Pope of San Francisco. The nomination was seconded by W. T. McArthur of Los Angeles. Acting under authority of a positive motion, the secretary cast the ballot, and T. C. Edwards was declared elected President-Elect of the Society for the year 1922.

First Vice-President—Percy T. Magan of Los Angeles was nominated for First Vice-President by Charles D. Lockwood of Pasadena. The nomination was seconded by W. W. Beckett of Los Angeles. Acting under authority of a positive motion, the secretary cast the ballot, and Percy T. Magan was declared elected First Vice-President for the ensuing year.

Second Vice-President—W. W. Cross of Fresno was nominated for Second Vice-President by G. W. Walker of Fresno. The nomination was seconded by Rene Bine of San Francisco. Acting under

authority of a positive motion, the secretary cast the ballot, and W. W. Cross was declared elected Second Vice-President.

Secretary—W. E. Musgrave of San Francisco was nominated for Secretary by George H. Kress of Los Angeles. The nomination was seconded by W. W. Beckett of Los Angeles. Acting under authority of a positive motion, the president cast the ballot, and W. E. Musgrave was declared elected Secretary for the ensuing year.

Councilors

Second District—William H. Kiger was nominated by Harlan Shoemaker of Los Angeles for Councilor for the Second District; said nomination being seconded by Donald J. Frick of Los Angeles. Acting under authority of a positive motion, the secretary cast the ballot, and William H. Kiger was declared elected Councilor for the Second District for the ensuing three years, to succeed himself.

Fourth District—Fred R. De Lappe of Modesto was nominated by W. W. Cross of Fresno for Councilor for the Fourth District, said nomination being seconded by Saxton T. Pope of San Francisco. Acting under authority of a positive motion, the secretary cast the ballot, and Fred R. De Lappe was declared elected Councilor for the Fourth District for the ensuing three years, to succeed himself.

Sixth District—C. G. Kenyon of San Francisco was nominated by James H. Parkinson of Sacramento for Councilor for the Sixth District, said nomination being seconded by Rene Bine of San Francisco. Acting under authority of a positive motion, the secretary cast the ballot, and C. G. Kenyon was declared elected Councilor for the Sixth District for the ensuing three years, to succeed himself.

Eighth District—James H. Parkinson of Sacramento was nominated by E. T. Rulison of Sacramento for Councilor for the Eighth District, said nomination being seconded by E. C. Turner of Sacramento. Acting under authority of a positive motion, the secretary cast the ballot, and James H. Parkinson was declared elected Councilor for the Eighth District for the ensuing three years, to succeed himself.

At Large—O. D. Hamlin of Oakland was nominated by L. P. Adams of Oakland for Councilor-at-Large, said nomination being seconded by P. T. Phillips of Santa Cruz. Acting under authority of a positive motion, the secretary cast the ballot, and O. D. Hamlin was declared elected Councilor-at-Large for the ensuing three years, to succeed himself.

Member of Committee on Scientific Program—Lemuel P. Adams of Oakland was nominated by P. T. Phillips of Santa Cruz, a member of the Committee on Scientific Program, said nomination being duly seconded by John C. Yates of San Diego. Acting under authority of a positive motion, the secretary cast the ballot, and Lemuel P. Adams was declared elected a member of the Committee on Scientific Program for the ensuing four years, to succeed himself.

Delegates to the American Medical Association—The Council, having discussed the situation regarding delegates and alternates to the American Medical Association, the secretary was instructed to bring before the House of Delegates a clean slate, with the request that the House of Delegates proceed to the election of two delegates, with their corresponding alternates, to act for two years (1922 and 1923); and the election of two delegates, with their corresponding alternates, to act for one year (1922), in order to conform to the by-laws of the A. M. A.

Upon motion of Walter V. Brem of Los Angeles, regularly seconded, Charles D. Lockwood

of Pasadena was nominated for Delegate to the A. M. A. for a two-year term. Acting under authority of a positive motion, the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot, and Charles D. Lockwood was declared elected Delegate to the A. M. A. for a two-year term.

Upon motion of George H. Kress of Los Angeles, seconded by Harry J. Spiro of San Francisco, Victor G. Vecki was nominated for Delegate to the A. M. A. for a two-year term. Acting under authority of a positive motion, the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot, and Victor G. Vecki was declared elected Delegate to the A. M. A. for a two-year term.

Upon motion of Charles D. Lockwood of Pasadena, seconded by Rene Bine of San Francisco, C. Van Zwahlenburg of Riverside was nominated Delegate to the A. M. A. for a one-year term. Acting under authority of a positive motion, the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot, and C. Van Zwahlenburg was declared elected Delegate to the A. M. A. for a one-year term.

Upon motion of Rene Bine of San Francisco, seconded by Saxton T. Pope of San Francisco, E. C. Fleischner of San Francisco was nominated for Delegate to the A. M. A. for a one-year term. Acting under authority of a positive motion, the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot, and E. C. Fleischner was declared elected Delegate to the A. M. A. for a one-year term.

Alternates to the American Medical Association—Upon motion of Donald J. Frick, seconded by Rene Bine, Walter V. Brem of Los Angeles was nominated for Alternate to Charles D. Lockwood. Acting under authority of a positive motion, the secretary cast the ballot, and Walter V. Brem was declared elected Alternate for Charles D. Lockwood for two years.

Upon motion of Dow H. Ransom of Madera, seconded by Saxton T. Pope, Harry J. Spiro of San Francisco was nominated for Alternate to Victor G. Vecki. Acting under authority of a positive motion, the secretary cast the ballot, and Harry J. Spiro was declared elected Alternate for Victor G. Vecki for two years.

Upon motion of W. T. McArthur, seconded by Percy T. Magan, Albert Soiland of Los Angeles was nominated for Alternate to C. Van Zwahlenburg. Acting under authority of a positive motion, the secretary cast the ballot, and Albert Soiland was declared elected Alternate for C. Van Zwahlenburg for one year.

Upon motion of Saxton T. Pope, seconded by Rene Bine, Walter C. Alvarez of San Francisco was nominated for Alternate for E. C. Fleischner. Acting under authority of a positive motion, the secretary cast the ballot, and Walter C. Alvarez was declared elected Alternate for E. C. Fleischner for one year.

Delegates to the A. M. A., with their corresponding alternates, are as follows:

Charles D. Lockwood, Pasadena, 1922 and 1923; Alternate, Walter V. Brem, Los Angeles, 1922 and 1923.

Victor G. Vecki, San Francisco, 1922 and 1923; Alternate, Harry J. Spiro, San Francisco, 1922 and 1923.

C. Van Zwahlenburg, Riverside, 1922; Alternate, Albert Soiland, Los Angeles, 1922.

E. C. Fleischner, San Francisco, 1922; Alternate, Walter C. Alvarez, San Francisco, 1922.

REPORT OF THE REFERENCE COMMITTEE

James H. Parkinson, chairman of the Reference Committee, reported as follows for the committee:

1. President's Address—

(a) **Indemnity Defense Fund**—The committee recommends that every member of the Society who regards himself as in active practice become a member of the Indemnity Defense Fund.

(b) **Medical Education**—The committee recommends that each County Society provide for the presentation annually of a paper on medical education by one of its members not engaged in teaching.

(c) **Lay Medical Activities**—The committee recommends that physicians in every community carefully study suggested medical activities emanating from sources outside the profession before affiliating themselves with them, especially upon a gratuitous basis.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the report of the committee, upon the president's recommendations, be accepted and referred to the Council with authority to act.

2. Report of the Committee on Industrial Accident Insurance—

The text of the report is as follows:

The report of the committee at the San Diego meeting in 1921 stated that the new fee schedule had become effective in June of the previous year, and that the forms for reports had been issued and were being adopted by the insurance companies.

The question of a further increase in the fee schedule was believed to be inadvisable and the committee still believes that no advance should be sought at this time.

The formation of a permanent committee of adjustment was strongly recommended as a valuable factor in eliminating trouble between the profession and the carriers. It was felt that such a committee could insure the payment of all reasonable claims, thus incidentally increasing the general standard of remuneration.

The necessary expense that must be incurred in the establishment and operation of such a committee was regarded as beyond the resources of the society. The hope was expressed that a full time secretary could accomplish something along these lines and, at the same time, get some idea of the possible volume of business that might be transacted.

Two propositions were submitted for discussion and action: The flat fee originally advocated by Dr. Graves and the enlargement of the so-called panel. The report was unanimously adopted by the society.

The committee has held fewer meetings during the past year and much of the detail work in signing up companies on the fee schedule and in extending adoption of the report blanks has been done through the secretary's office. Our attorney here, as always, has been of invaluable assistance and steady progress has been made.

It may seem rather an ambitious project to have the California blank generally adopted as a standard form for all compensation carriers. There is no reason whatever why a standard form, even of simpler character, should not be in general use. It would simplify business, promote accuracy and save a great deal of correspondence. Purely as an economic measure, it offers great possibility, and from this standpoint it should be pushed with the companies.

The two propositions already mentioned were taken up by the committee, but, as the flat fee

in a measure was directly related to a revised fee schedule and should be discussed in relation thereto, it was dropped for the present.

The question of enlargement of the panel was quite exhaustively discussed by the committee at its meetings and at conferences with the secretary and the attorney. It was finally decided to submit a report of a general character requesting the various county societies to certify panels, but omitting all references to plans or methods by which this should be accomplished. This course was adopted as the question was manifestly a very difficulty one to deal with. The report is as follows:

THE REPORT AS AMENDED AND FINALLY ADOPTED

Adoption of Blanks and Fee Schedule—The committee requests that it be authorized to hold conferences with insurance companies and with individual representatives of same, to secure the general adoption of the Society's blanks which automatically adopts the fee schedule.

Increase in Fees—The committee believes conditions at present are inopportune for seeking an increase in the present fee schedule and recommends that action be deferred until prices have been stabilized and the business outlook improves.

Enlargement of the Panel—In line with its former suggestions the committee believes steps should at once be taken to enlarge the panel. It recognizes that, while many physicians believe the injured employee should have the right to choose his medical attendant, this right cannot be conceded by those legally responsible for his care and legally liable for every expense attached thereto. At the same time there is no reason why men competent to do surgical work and to make the necessary reports should not be permitted to treat all cases referred to them by employers.

The question of professional competence is not based upon personal preference, nor can it with certainty be determined by a layman nor, indeed, by an insurance company not employing a medical director. The medical profession is the only judge of the qualifications of its members and their efficiency in the various specialties.

The committee, therefore, recommends that various County Societies be requested to assume this responsibility toward the State and that each society be instructed to certify to the Secretary of the State Society a list of its members competent by education, training, experience and licensure, to do the industrial surgery required in industrial accident insurance, willing to undertake this work and willing to make prompt and accurate reports of all cases. If a physician claims to be practicing any specialty exclusively, his specialty should be indicated with his experience and qualifications as above mentioned.

It is recommended that the County Societies assume the responsibility not only of providing the state Secretary with this original list but of providing at least a monthly list showing changes in this panel.

No attempt should be made to indicate the manner in which any society shall reach its conclusions, nor is any machinery suggested for determining the result. It must, however, be understood that every society certifying a panel will stand sponsor for the accuracy of the statements given as to the men's education, training and other qualifications to do insurance work, and agrees to demand from them and extend to them the customary professional support and courtesies.

The committee believes that if this course be adopted by the County Societies it will result in better treatment for beneficiaries and a more equitable distribution of industrial medicine practice, and that carriers when assured of these facts will accept the plan.

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The report was presented to the council in October and was unanimously adopted. It was subsequently presented to the Industrial Medicine Section of the San Francisco County Medical Society by the full committee and the secretary and the attorney. Later it was laid before the Los Angeles County Medical Association at a special meeting, the full committee and the secretary and the attorney also being present. Prior to this, the subject had been presented to the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement.

As a result of these gatherings a very general discussion of the question ensued, and in light of the suggestions evolved the report was taken up at the meeting of the council in January and amended so as to make the conditions of certification more specific.

It had now become apparent that the county societies wanted a definite procedure outlined, and

this was emphasized in the extensive correspondence that followed. In deference to this general sentiment, questionnaires and form letters were submitted by the secretary and, after conferences with the committee and examination by the attorney, were amended and ordered printed and issued.

The following are the forms as finally approved:

..... M. D.
Secretary.....County Medical Society
Dear Doctor:

After mature deliberation, the State Medical Society's Committee in Industrial Medicine submitted the following report at the meeting of the Council on September 24, 1921, when it was adopted in principle. It was amended and resubmitted at the meeting on January 28, 1922; was unanimously approved and ordered put into effect.

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This report is submitted to your society with the following suggestions and recommendations:

1. That you endorse the report and instruct your governing body to carry out its provisions.
2. That you have executed the accompanying forms, returning them promptly to this office.
3. That, after the list is completed and in the hands of the State Secretary, you will forward as often as necessary but always in your monthly report any and all changes in your society's panel.

Sincerely yours,

.....
Secretary.

California State Medical Society,

.....County Medical Society, and
.....M. D., member.

Agreement

(If interested in doing Industrial Medicine and Surgery and in being on the panel submitted by the Medical Society, please prepare this form and return it promptly to the Secretary of your County Society.)

I have read the report of the Committee on Industrial Medicine as approved by the Council. I am familiar with the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation

Act and with the rules, regulations and procedures through which it operates.

I understand that all the State Medical Society can do towards securing a wider and more equitable distribution of industrial work is to keep an authorized panel before the carriers. The amount of work secured by members must always be by superior facilities for conducting this business and by individual effort.

I agree to adhere to, follow and abide by the Fee Schedule as adopted May 11, 1920, and any amendments thereto hereafter approved by the Council of the State Medical Society, and the rules and regulations for the administration of the law approved, and any amendments thereto and any additional rules and regulations hereafter approved by the Council of the State Medical Society, including the arbitration and adjustment by any duly authorized committee of the State Medical Society of all controversies that may arise between myself, the carrier, the employer or the injured employee in relation to services performed under the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Residence..... M. D.
Date.....
Office Address.....
Office Hours.....
Telephones:—

Office.....
Residence.....
Emergency.....

Action by the.....
County Medical Society.

The data furnished below by.....
M. D., is believed to be correct and shows him to be prepared by education and experience to do competent industrial work.

He is a member in good standing of this Society, and has the official endorsement of the Society as a member of its panel for practice as shown in his statement.

By.....County Medical Society
Date..... Secretary

Variety of Professional Work Desired

(The following data is necessary that your desires may be accurately presented to carriers.)

- A. Do you wish to practice as.....
1. An Individual Physician.....
2. A Partnership.....
3. Group.....
- B. Do you desire:.....
1. Emergency Work.....
2. Regular Work.....
3. Consultations.....
- C. Do you desire:.....
1. General Practice.....
2. General Medicine.....
3. Neuropsychiatry.....
4. Dermatology.....
5. Communicable Diseases.....
6. Tuberculosis.....
7. Pediatrics.....
8. General Surgery.....
9. Orthopedic Surgery.....
10. Ophthalmology.....
11. Otorhinolaryngology.....
12. Urology.....
13. Brain and Nerve Surgery.....
14. Anesthesiology.....
15. Gynecology.....
16. Obstetrics.....
17. Pathology and Surgical Pathology.....
18. Clinical Laboratory Work.....
19. Radiology (Roentgenology).....
20. Radium Therapy.....
21. Physiotherapy (including all forms of physical therapeutics).....

D. Names and addresses of hospitals in which you work:.....
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E. If a partnership or group, give the names and addresses of all associates:.....
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F. If you desire emergency work, mention facilities and personnel for constant day and night service:.....
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Education, Training and Experience (Information for Carriers)

Answer by number; use all the space desired.

1. General Education:
Schools and colleges attended; degrees and dates.
2. Professional Education:
Schools, degrees and dates.
3. Intern and Resident Experience:
Names of hospitals and dates.
4. Other Graduate Instruction or Special Work:
Give places and dates.

5. Outline of Experience Since Graduation:

6. Membership in Organizations:

Medical, fraternal, civic and welfare.

7. Present Activities:

Note any special features of work.

8. Industrial Medicine.

Note experience, also present relations and any other matters of interest.

9. Remarks:

Add any information that might be useful to interested carriers.

It will be some time before all the county societies will have reported and a longer period before the results have been tabulated and presented to the carriers. Meanwhile, the committee would again emphasize the fact that this does not mean more business for any member of the society. The committee feels it will result in a wider distribution. It again asserts that the executive officers of the society cannot create business and that as this business, legally, is assigned by one of two authorities—the carrier or the employer—physicians desiring to engage in same must seek it at its source.

The recommendation of the committee that an adjustment bureau should be created and that meanwhile the secretary's office would endeavor to conduct such business as might come to it, met with a prompt and rather unexpected response. Several of the insurance companies assumed that the bureau was already in operation, and this, with an increasing interest on the part of our membership, produced a mass of correspondence and detail work that the regular office force was inadequate to handle.

On December 1, 1921, Miss Virginia Davinroy was employed for the special purpose of dealing with the industrial accident problems, which affect our membership. Under the direction of the secretary, she has been carrying on the correspondence incidental to this work. She was also instructed to confer with the representatives of every insurance company doing compensation business in California to ascertain whether they were using the report blanks and, if not, to secure their adoption. The carriers were informed that the society had established an adjustment bureau and their co-operation with it was solicited.

At this date Miss Davinroy had conferred with thirty-one companies; of these six are using the society's report blanks and thirteen have agreed to use them after their present supplies are exhausted. Six of the local representatives are in favor of the blanks and will take up the matter with their home offices. Six companies expressed themselves as opposed to them, apparently on the ground that their use tended to inhibit cut-rate medical service.

Twenty-six of the companies are willing to co-operate with the society in every way and seem much impressed with the opportunity afforded.

It is hoped that the bureau now established will materially aid in the solution of our problems, while offering definite and practical service to our members. The data that will accumulate during the coming year should indicate our real needs. If these seem to demand a more extended service the committee will be prepared to submit a plan that will afford it.

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JOHN H. GRAVES,
GAYLE M. MOSELEY,
Committee.

Action by Reference Committee—The committee recommends that the Committee on Industrial Medicine be continued and that the council, if it deems advisable, be authorized to extend the functions of said committee, and to establish an Industrial Service Department for the better regulation and control of the practice of industrial medicine and surgery, the relations of members engaged in such practice with insurance carriers and all re-

lated matters, said department ultimately to be placed upon a self-supporting basis.

Action by House of Delegates—Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the recommendation of the committee be adopted as read and the action of the Committee on Industrial Accident Insurance be sustained.

2a. Resolution No. 1—Rate-Cutting in Industrial Accident Insurance Work—The text of the resolution is as follows:

Whereas, It is generally known to the medical profession of California that certain members of the medical profession and of the Medical Society of the State of California wilfully accept fees lower than schedule for services under the Workmen's Compensation law and in various other ways circumvent the intent of the fee schedule adopted by the Medical Society of the State of California and the Industrial Accident Commission of California, and

Whereas, It is generally known to the medical profession of California that certain members of the medical profession and the Medical Society of the State of California wilfully and for the purpose of securing business, underbid their colleagues, thereby depriving them of business which they have secured, and by devious and unethical methods work harm in other ways to their conferees, and

Whereas, Such practices, if continued and extended, as will probably be the history in the Industrial Accident work, if not regulated, will work vast harm to the cause of medicine and the cause of medical science, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Industrial Medicine and Surgery Section of the Medical Society of the State of California request the Society to, through its regular channels, investigate these conditions and practices and take action, if action is deemed proper, to secure relief, and

Resolved, That the Industrial Medicine and Surgery Section of the Medical Society of the State of California offer any information, testimony and assistance in its power to further this investigation and relief, and

Resolved, That it be the ruling of the House of Delegates that any violation of the fee schedule by any member, directly or indirectly, or any connivance thereat constitutes unethical conduct on the part of such member.

Action by the Reference Committee—The committee recommends the adoption of the resolution.

Action by the House of Delegates—Upon motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously resolved that the recommendation of the Reference committee be approved.

3. Resolution No. 2—California Association of Radiographers—The text of the resolution is as follows:

Resolved, That the Council (as members of the Advisory Council of the California Association of Radiographers) be instructed to vote in that body to amend the preamble thereof in accordance with the amendment thereof in the hands of the Publicity Bureau, and if same is not accepted by said association of radiographers, that the Council be instructed to sever all connections thereof, and for that purpose to bring about a meeting of the Advisory Council at as early a date as possible.

Action by Reference Committee—The committee recommends that in place of the resolution submitted to the House of Delegates at its meeting on Monday, May 15, 1922, the following preambles and resolutions be adopted as the sense of the society:

Whereas, The House of Delegates at the meeting held in Coronado in May, 1921, empowered the Council to organize associations of technical specialties, and

Whereas, The California Association of Radiographers was organized with a preamble and constitution which permits technicians to diagnose and to treat disease by means of the roentgen ray or radium upon the prescription of physicians, surgeons or dentists, and

Whereas, The section on radiology approves the formation of an association of technicians to be known as the Association of Radiographers, the membership to be limited to technicians who are working under the direct supervision of members of the State Medical Society;

Resolved, That it be the judgment of the Medical Society of the State of California that the diagnosis of disease and its treatment by X-Ray or radium therapy and the interpretation of plates of pathological conditions is the sole province of the medical profession;

Resolved, That X-Ray or radium treatment by lay technicians should never be administered except under the immediate supervision of a legally qualified practitioner;

Resolved, That members of the Association of Radiographers may only operate in laboratories under the direct supervision of a member of this Society;

Resolved, That the foregoing shall be deemed the interpretation of this Society of matters of policy affecting the educational and ethical activities of the members of the State Association of Radiographers, and that it is the sense of the Society that the preamble and constitution of the California Association of Radiographers be so amended as to give these resolutions effect; and that the Council of the Society be, and it is hereby instructed to carry out the necessary details in making them effective;

Resolved, That insofar as the radiographers and the dental members of the Association are concerned, the adjustment of this relationship be left to accredited members of the dental profession.

Action by the House of Delegates—Upon motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously resolved that the recommendation of the Reference Committee be approved.

4. Resolution No. 3—Uniformity in Medical Fees—The text of the resolution is as follows:

Because of the lack of uniformity in the matter of fees charged for medical services throughout the state, and because of the advantages of more uniformity, therefore, in accordance with the suggestions of the State Secretary be it

Resolved, That a "committee on an ideal fee schedule" be appointed from members of the State Society, to study the whole question of fees, and prepare a report to be submitted to each county during the next year; this committee to report back to this body at the next annual meeting.

Action by the Reference Committee—The committee recommends that a committee of nine be appointed by the president to consider the whole question of medical fees and to report at the next annual meeting.

Action by the House of Delegates—Upon motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously resolved that the recommendation of the Reference Committee be approved.

5. Resolution No. 4—Director of State Institutions—The text of the resolution is as follows:

Whereas, The State hospitals for the insane and the Sonoma State Home for Feeble-Minded comprise the medical division of the State's service, and

Whereas, We feel that the care and supervision of these institutions should be under the direction of a medical man, and

Whereas, Dr. John A. Rely, former medical superintendent of the Patton State Hospital, has been appointed to the position of Director of State Institutions, and

Whereas, On account of Dr. Rely's long and efficient service in the care and management of the insane, we are confident that the department of the state's service under his jurisdiction will be conducted in an efficient and economical manner, be it

Resolved, That the San Joaquin County Medical Society at this meeting on May 12 commend Hon. William D. Stephens, Governor of the State of California, for appointing Dr. Rely, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Governor Stephens.

Action by the Reference Committee—The committee recommends the approval of the resolution of the San Joaquin County Medical Society commending Governor Stephens for his action in appointing a medical man as superintendent of State Medical Institutions.

Action by the House of Delegates—Upon motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously resolved that the recommendation of the Reference Committee be approved.

6. Resolution No. 5—Exceptions to State License Requirements—The text of the resolution is as follows:

Resolved, That the Council of the State Society be authorized to make exception to the existing state license requirements for active membership in local and state societies in specific instances and under such conditions as seem to them sufficient.

Action by the Reference Committee—The committee recommends the approval of the resolution of the Council that it be authorized to make exceptions to existing state license requirements for active membership in local societies in specific instances and under such conditions as seem sufficient.

Action by the House of Delegates—Upon motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

resolved that the recommendation of the Reference Committee be approved.

7. Resolution No. 6—Instruction of Delegates to A. M. A.—The text of the resolution is as follows:

Resolved, That it is the policy of the Society to instruct by resolution, either of the House of Delegates or of the Council, the delegates of this society to the American Medical Association, on all matters of national concern upon which this society either has or desires to institute a definite policy, or which, in the opinion either of the Council or of the House of Delegates peculiarly affects this society.

Action by the Reference Committee—The committee recommends approval of the resolution of the council that delegates to the A. M. A. be instructed on matters of national concern on which the society desires a definite policy.

Action by the House of Delegates—Upon motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously resolved that the recommendation of the Reference Committee be approved.

8. Resolution No. 7—A. M. A. Meeting for 1923—The text of the resolution is as follows:

Resolved, That delegates to the A. M. A. be instructed to use every effort to bring the A. M. A. to San Francisco for 1923.

Action by the Reference Committee—The committee recommends approval of the resolution of the council that delegates to the A. M. A. be instructed to use every effort to bring the association to San Francisco in 1923.

Action by the House of Delegates—Upon motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously resolved that the recommendation of the Reference Committee be approved.

9. Resolution No. 8—Better Health Service—The text of the resolution is as follows:

Whereas, the Better Health Service, conducted and edited for the San Francisco Examiner by the League for the Conservation of Public Health is presenting the important facts of modern preventive and curative medicine in practical and popular form, be it

Resolved, That the Medical Society of the State of California, assembled in its fifty-first annual convention, commend this worthy enterprise that is destined to conserve, protect and improve the public health.

Action by the Reference Committee—The committee recommends adoption of the resolution of the council commending the "Better Health Service" now being conducted in the public press.

Action by the House of Delegates—Upon motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously resolved that the recommendation of the Reference Committee be approved.

10. Resolution No. 9—Health Centers—The text of the resolution is as follows:

Whereas, It always has been and is the primary purpose of physicians to give trained, scientific, sympathetic service to all of their fellow citizens who need medical advice and to furnish this service to all alike, regardless of the social or financial standing of the patient, and

Whereas, It never has been and is not now necessary to interpose any agency not under the direct supervision and control of competent members of the medical profession, members are reminded of the dangers of co-operation in agencies where such supervision and control does not exist, and

Whereas, In order to re-emphasize these policies and practices to all citizens of California, and to counteract the influences going about the state to the effect that consideration by physicians for those needing medical advice can be obtained only by applying to some non-medical organization, and in order that the public may be fully informed and free to call directly upon the physician of its choice with the assurance of sympathetic and confidential consideration, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Medical Society of the State of California and representatives of all county and other constituent organizations, in convention assembled, that the office of each of its 4000 members throughout the state is a "Health Center" of the kind that means the best medicine and public health advice that physicians can give; this upon the basis that those who can pay in full should do so, those who can pay part should do so, and those who are unable to pay should have the service without cost.

Resolved, That in order to secure special financial consideration, the patient is requested to execute and sign a paper showing his socio-financial status and

setting forth briefly the reasons why he must ask for special financial consideration, this being the policy now being followed by clinics and welfare organizations of all sorts.

(Note:—The State Society will supply each of its members with appropriate blank forms for this purpose, and will furnish one to any citizen who desires to use it. One of these forms presented to any member of the State Society in any part of the state will insure the courtesies and special consideration that his condition warrants and, in addition, he will receive the same sympathetic, confidential, constructive help that is given to the person who is able to pay fully for all that he requires. In carrying out this program, physicians reserve the right, when they think wise, to check up on the accuracy of the applicant's statements in an unobtrusive and sympathetic manner, in exactly the same way as those reports are now being checked up by clinics and other welfare organization. Members also reserve the right to refer applicants for special consideration to other physicians under the same conditions and for the same reasons that they would refer patients paying regular fees. Any sick person in any part of the State of California who fails, for any reason, to secure adequate medical attention is requested to communicate with the Secretary of the State Medical Society, 929 Butler Building, San Francisco.)

Action by the Reference Committee—The committee recommends the adoption of the preamble and resolutions on "Health Centers," as introduced by the Council and submitted by a special committee consisting of Doctors Kress, Paterson, and Edwards.

Action by the House of Delegates—Upon motion, duly made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the recommendation of the Reference Committee be approved.

11. Resolution No. 10. Extension of Better Health Service—The text of the resolution is as follows:

Resolved, That the Publicity Bureau be instructed to present to the League for the Conservation of Public Health the desire of this Society to have it extend its "Better Health Service" as now conducted as rapidly as possible.

Action by the Reference Committee—The committee recommends that the Publicity Bureau be instructed to present to the League for the Conservation of Public Health the desire of this Society to extend this service.

Action by the House of Delegates—Upon motion, duly made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the recommendation of the Reference Committee be approved.

12. Resolution No. 11. Annual Dues—The text of the resolution is as follows:

Resolved, That the annual dues for the year 1923 be fixed at \$10, and that a special committee be appointed to prepare a statement embodying the discussions of the Council on the question of dues in relation to medical and indemnity defense to submit to the House of Delegates.

Action by the Reference Committee—The committee recommends that the dues for the year 1923 be fixed at \$10.

Action by the House of Delegates—After hearing the report of the special committee mentioned above, consisting of Doctors Bine, Pope, and Paterson, and a statement by Dr. Harlan Shoemaker, secretary of the Los Angeles County Medical Society, and Dr. W. W. Beckett of Los Angeles, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the recommendation of the Reference Committee be approved.

13. Resolution No. 12—Provision for Segregating Expenses and Method of Providing Medical Defense—The text of the resolution is as follows:

Whereas, the secretary has explained that the increase in the dues this year depends upon three factors: extension work, industrial accident insurance adjustment bureau, and medical defense, and

Whereas, of these items that of medical defense is by far the largest; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Delegates instruct the Council to present at the next annual meeting a plan by which the legal defense will be limited to those members who desire to receive and to pay for same as a separate charge; and that the assessment for medical defense be segregated from the general dues, so

that the dues may not be subjected to a possible advance for that purpose.

Action by the Reference Committee—The committee recommends that the resolution be adopted.

Action by the House of Delegates—Upon motion, duly made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the recommendation of the Reference Committee be approved.

14. Resolution No. 13—Indemnity Defense Fund Assessment—The text of the resolution is as follows:

Resolved, That an assessment of \$10 be levied on the members of the Indemnity Defense Fund as of January 1, 1922, due and payable on or before August 1, 1922, and delinquent November 30, 1922.

Action by the Reference Committee—The committee recommends the approval of the resolution of the Council that an assessment of \$10 be levied on members of the Indemnity Defense Fund as of January 1, 1922, due and payable on or before August 1, 1922, and delinquent November 30, 1922.

Action by the House of Delegates—Upon motion, duly made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the recommendation of the Reference Committee be approved.

15. Report of the Committee on Codification of Constitution and By-Laws:

Action by the Reference Committee—The committee recommends, in accordance with constitutional provision, that the proposed revised constitution and by-laws be published in the Journal twice during the year, and submitted for action at the meeting of 1923.

Action by the House of Delegates—Upon motion, duly made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the recommendation of the committee be approved.

Resolution of Appreciation—The following resolution was unanimously passed by the House of Delegates, and the secretary was instructed to send a copy to each of the officers concerned:

Resolved, That the House of Delegates of the Medical Society of the State of California wishes to make of record its very great appreciation of the earnest, sympathetic, effective efforts of the officers of the Yosemite Transportation Company and the officers of Camp Curry, in making the 1922 meeting of the Society so wonderfully successful, attractive and interesting;

Resolved, That the meeting adjourns with the unanimous feeling that everything possible has been done for our comfort and the success of our meeting; and a vote of thanks is extended to the Yosemite Lodge and its officers, particularly Mr. H. H. Hunkins and Mr. R. E. McCormick; to Camp Curry, particularly Mrs. Curry and her assistants, for their splendid co-operation in making the convention so successful;

Resolved, That the Society also desires to express its appreciation to the Yosemite National Park Rangers for their unfailing courtesy, sympathy and assistance in helping to make the convention so successful.

Presentation of the President—Henry G. Brainerd of Los Angeles, the incoming president, was escorted to the chair by Doctors Bine and Yates. Dr. Brainerd presented his inaugural address to the general sessions, and it is published on page 215 of this number of the Journal.

Presentation of the President-Elect—Thomas Clay Edwards of Salinas, President-Elect, was escorted to the platform by Doctors Pope and McArthur, and expressed his appreciation of the honor conferred upon him.

Adoption of Minutes—The minutes of the first and second sessions were read and duly adopted.

Adjournment—There being no further business before the House, the meeting adjourned to meet in San Francisco at a time to be fixed by the Council.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATES OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING IN ST. LOUIS

The American Medical Association has held another successful annual meeting. St. Louis did well, entertaining five thousand medical men. This is no small task, and some crowding of hotels must be expected. There was little complaint, however, on this score, though the distance from meeting places, together with the scattered location of these was frequently deplored.

There was again evidence of the numerous special societies into which the medical profession is organizing itself. Many cluster about the larger meeting of the American Medical Association with its numerous sections, but are not a part of that organization. A living illustration of the enthusiasm for progress in the conquest of disease and the limitation of the lines of individual endeavor that each field may be the more deeply cultivated.

Aglow with possibilities stands the great inclusive organization of the A. M. A. with its eighty-nine thousand members, the greatest power for the relief of human suffering in all this world. Is there any excuse for this great body not acting as a unit? Really, there was less friction and rubbing of factions than at any previous meeting which I know of. Best of all it was more than ever evident that all were working together for the common good of the profession, and through it the greatest good to mankind.

One of the impressive actions of the House of Delegates was the endorsing of the plan to distribute blanks for the recording of physical examinations and re-examinations of our well patients.

Imagine the benefits resulting from systematic annual or semi-annual examination of all men, women and children in the United States.

The outstanding activity to us Californians was, of course, the always-important election of the president-elect and the selection of the next place of meeting. That we were able to secure both for California is ground for great satisfaction to your delegates. All stood together nobly, and many representative Californians, though not delegates, did yeoman service for our program. We are proud of Dr. Wilbur. We are certain that no mistake was made in his election. His grasp of the problems of medical education was no small factor in his selection for this honored position, and we trust there will be no disappointment in the hope that he will be able to unite the many varying plans for the much-needed revision of our medical curriculum.

More than all it was a pleasure and cause for rejoicing that California numbers so many staunch friends among the outstanding men of the profession in all parts of the United States. May we be able to live up to our opportunities, and may we stand together for the heartiest reception ever accorded the American men of medicine. The Association is worthy of all we can give it. It is no small task for the State, and a great undertaking for San Francisco to entertain the A. M. A. next June, which should have the whole-hearted support of the profession of the entire State.

Most of all, let us show our appreciation by attending in mass, that the full benefit may accrue to our entire membership.

C. VAN ZWALENBURG.
ALBERT SOILAND.
VICTOR G. VECKI.
E. C. FLEISCHNER.